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THE AMERICAN WAY

Score another for American ingenuity and enterprise. Everyone is familiar with the story of how the Germans, obeying orders from Berlin, wrought all the damage within their power to the great steamship Vaterland when she was interned in New York harbor. When our nation entered the war the Germans determined that the Vaterland should never be of any use to us.

After our declaration of war, when our naval officers boarded the Vaterland they were appalled at the destruction that met their eyes. The machinery and equipment were in ruins. It was not believed at first that any except German workmen familiar with the peculiar construction and possessing the original plans could restore the vessel to her former condition. But some of our marine experts thought different and they were given their chance. All the world knows the result. Within an incredibly short time the Vaterland, rechristened the Loyaltan, was carrying United States soldiers across the sea, 10,000 at a time.

Now for the other story. Transportation of the Leviathan from a passenger to a troopship was not so difficult. But recently when our shipping board proposed to restore the big vessel to its original condition as a passenger and freight carrier it had no plans from which to work. It asked the Germans for the original plans and specifications and the reply was that it could have them for one million dollars. A holdup, of course. The Germans imagined the job could never be accomplished without the original plans.

Now comes word that American experts in the face of great discouragement turned to and began preparing plans for the work and they have just been completed at a cost not of a million, but a quarter of a million dollars. To obtain information concerning the vessel which the Germans had ready to hand it was necessary to employ a big force of experts. Exact measurements of every portion of the giant vessel had to be made from stem to stern. The magnitude of the task may not be apparent to the layman, but technical experts say it was enormous.

Now our men have the double satisfaction of having saved the holdup money and defeated the rapacity of the Germans. It is a story of exalted American pluck, enterprise and ingenuity, the combination that made the war.

THE BADGE OF SERVICE

When Josephus Daniels, who until a few weeks ago was a member of a president's cabinet in the capacity of secretary of the navy, slipped as it were overnight into the role of newspaper correspondent, the incident is worthy of comment.

Not everywhere in the world would a transition of this kind be accepted as a matter of course so easily as it is with us Americans. We would seem to be in a more fluid state in this respect than are most people the world over. We make a school teacher into a governor, a merchant into a senator, and an editor into a president, all with equal facility. And on completion of their term of office to which we have called them, we may send them back into the schoolroom or office or wherever fortune may call them.

Ancient customs and traditions receive less homage from us than they do from peoples elsewhere. We are less governed by what in the old world are known as families. With us a career is open to the individual despite the influence or lack of influence of ancestral connections. This in its essence is democracy, and, though some may detect disadvantages in this way of conducting our affairs, it goes without saying that the vast majority of peoples the world over are coming in this more and more to our way of thinking.

The advantage of this to the individual is easily apparent. It leaves him less hampered by caste and class. In the performance of his duties, in his quest for a career, he may make his way at will on his own chosen road to success. Josephus Daniels now playing colleague with the newspaper men to whom he was but a little while ago the much patronized, is indicative of what has endeared democracy to us. As a civilian he plies his trade as any man does. The more we make equality of opportunity a vital fact and not

an empty phrase, the more splendid will be our democracy. The badge of service to society should adorn anyone to any station in life.

JUSTICE FOR VETERANS

One of the most disgraceful scandals arising from our part in the world war has been in connection with the treatment by the government of the war veterans who went over to France, 100 per cent men physically, but who returned home leaving behind one or more limbs, or who brought back with them shattered nerves and broken health. It is with a feeling of satisfaction, therefore, that one reads Washington dispatches telling that President Harding, who has served but three days over a month as chief executive, has already ordered an investigation of the whole matter and will demand speedy action by congress when it meets April 11.

For many months there has been dissatisfaction as to the treatment accorded these victims of the great war and in some instances this dissatisfaction reached the stage of direct charges. Notwithstanding the determination of the American people that nothing shall be too good for the boys who risked their lives in defense of their country, nothing was done to make it plain that all that could be done was being done.

President Harding in the intensity of his real red-blooded Americanism has evidently determined not to relegate this question, which is a real test of the true spirit of

Americanism, to the drawer of his desk, where things to be forgotten are to be filed, in a methodical and businesslike way he made a conference with the very men who have made this matter of treatment of the soldier boys a study—the men who know and who are capable of advising—and he learned from them the actual conditions.

What President Harding learned at that conference quickly moved him to action and the entire matter is being quickly investigated, and if the president has his way congress will be as quick to act as he is. That there will be a complete change in the system—a change that will be in keeping with the history of the Republican party and its treatment of soldiers of previous wars, there can be no question.

The great body of citizens is as intensely interested in seeing that the veterans of the world war are given their just dues as it was in winning the war, and it will view with great delight the promptness with which President Harding has taken up the matter.

OBSERVATIONS

Some of the salacious domestic scandals should not be aired, what they need is a disinfectant.

Herbark is called the plant wizard, but he will probably need a little time to develop a grapefruit without a squirt.

The office-seeker who hangs around Washington waiting for a job will need a little ready cash to pay living expenses.

Science has discovered that fatigue is caused by ketoxins—no you know what infests your system when you get that tired feeling.

It is hard to convince the average girl that regular exercise will provide a better complexion than the pharmacist's keep in stock.

In trying to devise a scheme to get a treaty through without submitting it to the senate, President Wilson, as Lansing has shown, appeared to be trying to make the United States safe for autocracy.

MANY PROSPECTORS TO FORT NORMAN

CALGARY, Alberta, April 7.—Railroad trains running north from Calgary are carrying record loads of prospectors, geologists, adventurers and others bound for Fort Norman in the far northern Mackenzie river valley of Canada, where oil in great quantities was discovered recently.

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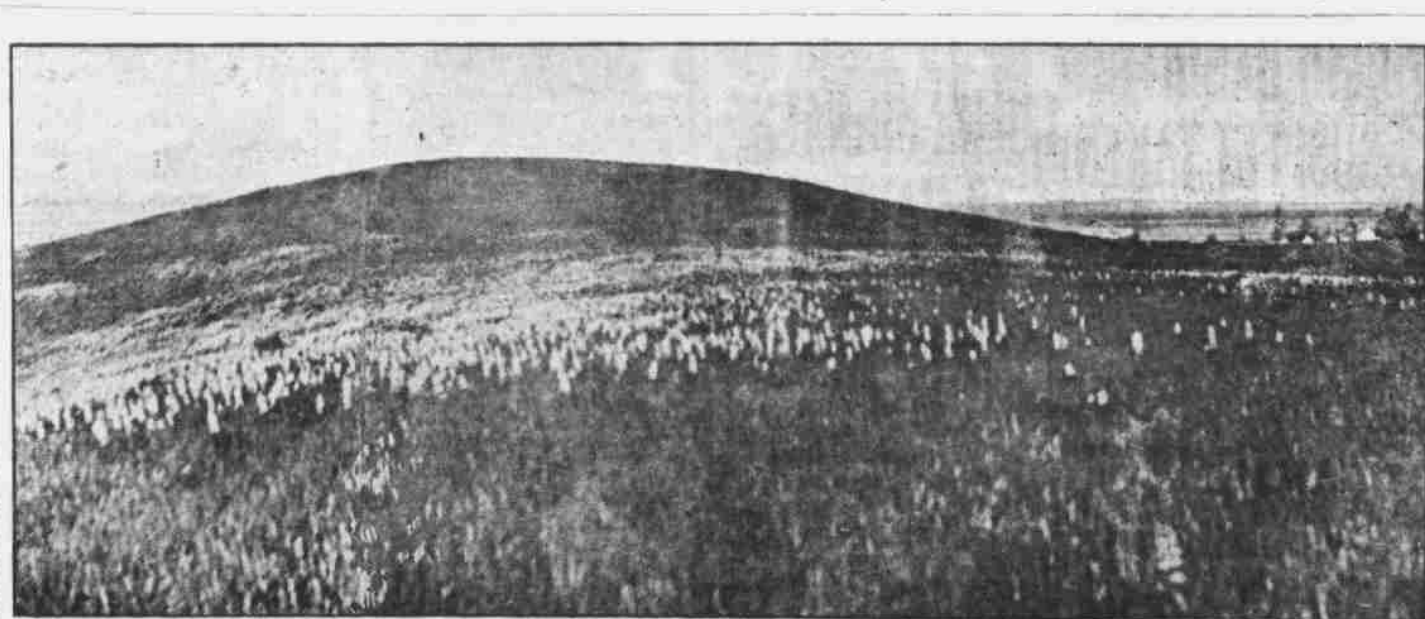
THE OIL INDUSTRY, this company owns a perpetual lease upon 720 acres, right in the heart of the new oil district in Colusa County California and is now prepared to take subscriptions for treasury stock. The directors of this company a short time ago, authorized the sale of 100,000 shares of the Treasury stock at 25c per share, but since that time the company has practically made arrangements with the California Corporation Commission to sell its stock in that state, and when those arrangements have been completed the company will open an office either in San Francisco or Los Angeles and the price of the stock will be raised to 50c per share.

STATEMENT OF MR. T. J. MEDDOCK THE CALIFORNIA PETROLEUM AND REFINING COMPANY

Gentlemen:

I take pleasure in sending you a brief statement upon your oil holdings of Colusa Co. California.

First of all, you are centrally located in what is almost certain to be in the near future one of the great oil producing districts of California. Next in



TO THE PUBLIC

After studying the outlines of this wonderful structure in the picture herewith presented and considering its significance in the oil world you should not fail to grasp the opportunity now available, visit our office now open, and see samples of oil produced in that district. The highest grade lubricating oil yet discovered, and brings the highest price paid for a crude product, also specimens of the formation, an oil shale with all sorts of fossils and shells cemented together. Although the district is quite new there are many drills now at work and many more will be working soon.

line is that most wonderful structure commonly called a "dome" or sign post for geologists. Undoubtedly this dome was forced up by great pressure, for it seemingly has no connection whatever with a glacier slide, considering the distance it lies from the nearest mountains, which is a low range, and practically only foothills.

The quality of the oil produced in that section is almost without an equal, and according to a cross section map made by the Tuscan Oil Company which is operating in that district, which I have examined thoroughly, and no doubt that company has proven to be correct, by the drillings of their well. I find that the formation and all surface indications are most excellent. After a further and more thorough examination which I will make very soon I will forward to you a full detailed report, and the possibility of your property.

Respectfully
(Signed) T. J. MEDDOCK,
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